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- 11. (C) China "has the same position" as the United States on the March 2 conference in Sharm al-Sheikh, MFA West Asian and North African Affairs Department Palestinian Authority (PA) and Israel Division Deputy Director Xu Chen told PolOff February 19 in response to reftel points on the U.S. position on the conference. Despite limitations in channels of assistance to Gaza, China supports efforts to empower the PA, Deputy Director Xu said.
- 12. (C) China would attend the conference and planned to make a pledge of assistance "within China's capacity," Deputy Director Xu said, noting that China had regularly provided support to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East. Deputy Director Xu said scheduling conflicts would prevent both Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi and Assistant Foreign Minister Zhai Jun from attending the Sharm al-Sheikh conference. Xu suggested Vice Foreign Minister Wu Dawei might lead the Chinese delegation, but this had yet to be confirmed.